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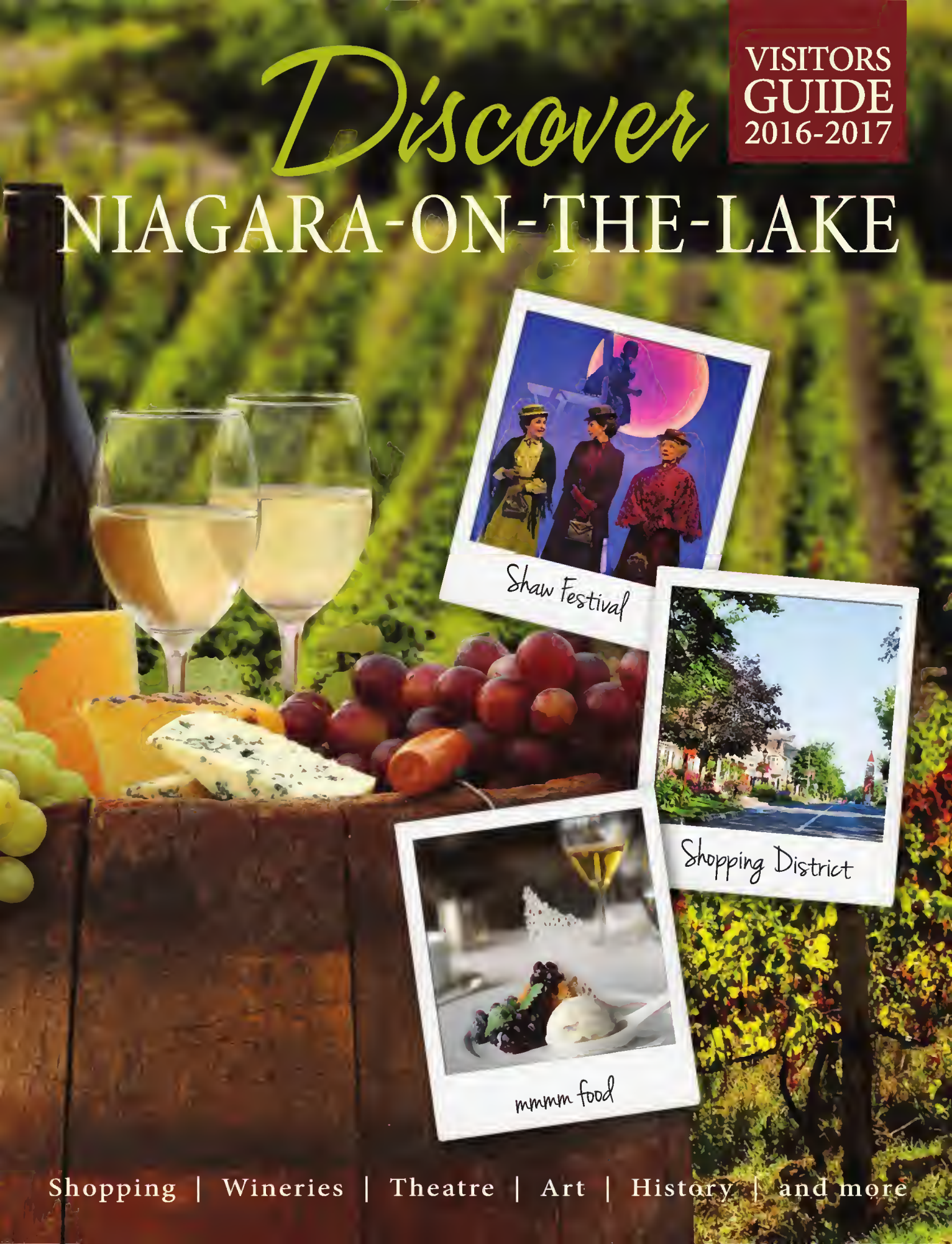

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Discover Niagara-on-the-Lake is published annually to give you the information that will help you make the most of your visit with us, and to ensure you come to love our town as much as we do.

We hope to provide a sense of what Niagara-on-the-Lake is all about, why we love to live and work here, and why so many visitors come back for more.

Welcome to Niagara-on-the-Lake, a National Historic Site and one of the most beautiful towns in Canada, recognized for its heritage, culture, wineries and agriculture—and, as you will discover, the warm, friendly people who help make our town a place millions of tourists visit year after year.

Please turn to the maps on pages 2, 20 & 21, and learn where to find our key attractions, including the famous Niagara wine route, shopping and restaurant highlights, our theatres, museums and art galleries. The maps provide a sense of direction in relation to Lake Ontario, the Niagara River and routes in and out of town.

We hope within these pages, prepared by the Niagara Advance, the community newspaper which has proudly been serving Niagara-on-the-Lake for over 90 years, you will find all you need to know to enjoy your visit.

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Discover THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Queen Street is our main street, and is likely where you're headed, so when you get there plan on making your first stop the Niagara-on-the-Lake Chamber of Commerce Visitor and Convention Bureau.

You won't be able to miss our landmark cenotaph clock tower, and beside it you'll see the impressive and historic Court House.

Upstairs in this beautiful building is one of the Shaw Festival theatres, while downstairs is the Chamber office, where you will find all the information you need to make the most of your visit. Whether you are looking for the best place for dinner before a show, tickets for any number of events, directions to one intriguing estate winery or a wine tour that will take you to several, the Chamber can help.

The Chamber of Commerce also offers assistance with accommodation bookings.

From pre-planning services to on-the-spot advice, the professional staff at the Chamber can assist with all aspects of vacation planning, with courteous efficiency to help your visit runs smoothly.

Visit the Chamber website at www.niagaraonthelake.com for a list of special events throughout the year, places to stay and information on special deals and packages offered by Niagara-on-the-Lake business owners. Stop in at 26 Queen Street, in the lower level of the Court House, or call 905-468-1950.

The Chamber is open daily from 10 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. from May to October, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. from October to May.

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Phone 905-468-1950 for assistance. Visit us online: **www.niagaraonthelake.com.**

Stop by our office: **26 Queen Street** in the lower level of the Courthouse.

Open 7 days a week
Mid-May to Mid-Oct: 10 am - 6 pm
Mid-Oct to Mid-May: 10 am - 5 pm

How to find us:

Before you can discover all Niagara-on-the-Lake has to offer, you have to get here, and thankfully we are not hard to find. Our most popular route into town runs from the Queen Elizabeth Way (QEW).

Take the Glendale Avenue exit off the QEW to Niagara-on-the-Lake, then follow signs to connect to Regional Road 55 by turning left on to York Road, then make a right at the first set of lights to take Airport Road, the shortest path to Regional Road 55, which is called "Niagara Stone Road" locally. Turn right onto Stone Road and enjoy the scenery of lush vineyards, our newly installed roundabout and the bustling commerce of Virgil before you arrive at Queen Street in the Old Town. When you get to the end of the road, with the golf course and the lake ahead of you, turn right to get to the heart of the Old Town and the Shaw Festival theatres.

Once you're within the municipality, please check the map on Page 20 and 21 to navigate your way around town. Detailed driving directions are also available from the Chamber of Commerce.

Line-ups at border crossings can cause delays, and traffic on the QEW from Toronto is often heavy. Allow at least two hours for your drive from Toronto, especially if you have theatre tickets. For border wait times, visit www.cbsa.gc.ca or contact the Niagara Falls Bridge Commission at 1-800-715-6722 (press option 2) for traffic conditions on bridges at Queenston - Lewiston, Niagara Falls and Buffalo - Fort Erie, Peace Bridge.

Map courtesy of NOTL Chamber of Commerce

Discover CANADA'S PRETTIEST TOWN

Canada's most beautiful town since 1792 – NIAGARA·ON·THE·LAKE –

Niagara-on-the-Lake is renowned for its history as the first capital of Upper Canada, for its significance in the War of 1812, and, in more recent days, as the home of the Shaw Festival and one of the prettiest towns of Canada.

The Old Town, designated a national heritage district, is a centre of culture and commerce surrounded by a rich agricultural area of orchards and vineyards—a picture-perfect landscape for visitors to enjoy, with lovingly-tended heritage buildings and gardens.

The town is also home to world-class hotels, restaurants and wineries, which offer an inviting combination of sophistication and yesteryear's charm, along with the best of modern amenities.

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When you reach Queen Street in the Old Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, you will find our beautiful heritage district, with historic buildings that offer interesting and unique boutiques in the heart of the shopping district.

Art shops and galleries, bakeries and book stores, home and garden, fashion for men, women and children, accessories, regional specialities, seasonal offerings and treasures to remind you of our charming town can be found in beautifully preserved and restored heritage buildings bordered by lush, colourful and lovingly maintained gardens. You'll also discover restaurants

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Don't forget to explore side streets which also offer specialty shops and hundreds of ways to take home reminders of Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Turn corners to explore Victoria, Simcoe, Market Street and others, where fascinating shops nestle in amongst historic Old Town homes. King Street, which meets Queen Street at Simcoe Park, offers fine dining and a selection of elegant shops, including Simpson's, a modern pharmacy with all the essentials you may have forgotten.

Travel through the village of Virgil along Niagara Stone Road to discover several more restaurants, interesting shops and a hidden gem women's boutique in the Home Hardware store.

It's also where you will find garden centres and florists: Regal Florist and Garden Centre and Mori Gardens, frequented by locals and known across the region for seasonal plants, nursery stock and giftware. If you have been admiring the beautiful gardens of Niagara-on-the-Lake, you'll understand why they are so amazing

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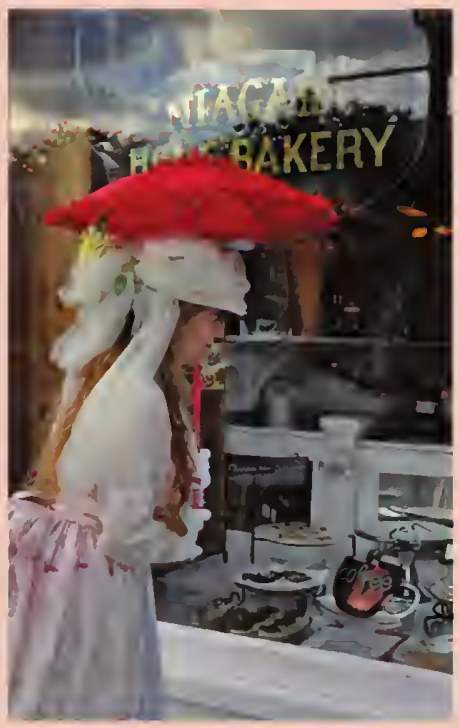
If you choose to take Lakeshore Road while traveling to or from Niagara-on-the-Lake, you will find fresh fruit stands, antique stores, wineries, and restaurants that offer everything from fine dining to a quick bite to eat.

Please see the map on Pages 20-21 to make the best use of your time and energy as you explore all Niagara-on-the-Lake has to offer.



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Angie's impressionist style creates florals, landscapes and local vineyards, with her wonderful colour "harmonies" making her art enjoyed and collected globally. Her work just makes people happy!

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Discover HISTORY

Niagara-on-the-Lake is history come to life.

The Old Town, with its beautiful heritage buildings, is steeped in history that forged our nation.

The town, known in early years as Newark, was the first capital of Upper Canada, site of the first library, newspaper and golf course, and passed the first anti-slavery legislation.

It was also the site of important battles of the War of 1812, which established our country.

The town itself had been settled by American Loyalists who fled to Niagara during the American Revolution. Then, in the days leading up to the War of 1812, Fort George became a stronghold with a British military base, and residents found themselves within range of enemy cannons at Fort Niagara, just across the river.

The troops of Fort George crushed an American invasion at Queenston Heights in October of 1812, but lost brilliant military strategist General Isaac Brock. The Americans attacked again the following May, destroying Fort George and taking the town. It was the following December, 1813, that the Americans retreated, burning the town as they fled.

Conflicts continued into the fall of 1814, by which time both sides had invaded each other's territory, some successfully. But these areas were restored by the Treaty of Ghent which re-instated original boundaries, and led to the 200 years of peace.

Visitors to the town today are likely to see historic strollers, today's residents dressed in period costumes, on our main street. Well-versed in history, they are happy to stop to chat or pose for a

picture.

McFarland House on the Niagara Parkway was the sole property to survive the town's infamous burning—visit it and discover why. Hear the truth behind Laura Secord's midnight walk to alert the British of pending invasion by visiting her Queenston homestead. Visit Brock's Monument at Queenston Heights and discover how one general could rate four separate burials.

Fort George was rebuilt in the 1930s as a monument to the struggle for Canadian sovereignty.

It's the perfect place to visit, more than 200 years after the war, to experience those tumultuous times

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Fort George is also home to the internationally renowned Fife and Drum Corps of the 41st Regiment of Foot, an experience not to be missed. Fort George honours the British regulars, local Canadian militia, and the First Nations who defended our country.

Soldiers in redcoats fire muskets, clouding the air with black powder smoke. Fifers' and Drummers' tunes drift past blockhouses, a historic powder magazine and cannons on the lookout. Step straight from the genteel Victorian town of Niagara-on-the-Lake into the War of 1812 at Fort George, a military post that defended Upper Canada against American attacks.

And while in town do not miss the many captivating special events hosted at Fort George. For more information see pages 13-18.

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$10 – Every third Sunday - 2 p.m.
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March through September
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March 14 through November 11
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April – May: Weekends 11 a.m.
June – October: Tues., Wed., Sat. & Sun. 11 a.m.
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May 1 ~ 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
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Thursday, May 26
2nd Annual JANE AUSTEN LECTURE
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www.friendsoffortgeorge.ca

May 28 through October 8
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June through August
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June through September
HISTORICAL WALKING TOURS
1 HR walks commencing at the Gazebo in Queen's Royal Park, starting 11 a.m. Saturdays
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Friday, June 3
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Saturday, June 4 ~ 10 am – 4 pm
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Friday, June 10 to Sunday, June 19
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Thursday, June 16
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Saturday, June 18
UNITED EMPIRE LOYALIST DAY (June 19th)
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Visit: www.coljohnbutleruel.com

Saturday, June 18
33rd Annual STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL
Celebrate the strawberry harvest at St. Andrew's Church, Simcoe St. Strawberry shortcakes, pies & activities. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
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Sunday, June 19
CELEBRATE FATHER'S DAY AT FORT GEORGE
Wondering what to get Dad for Father's Day? Why not an opportunity to be a part of a cannon crew? $49 includes dressing in an 1812 uniform with coat & hat, training, firing an artillery piece & a keepsake photo. Quantities are limited.
Call 905-468-6614 for tickets
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Saturday, June 25 & Sunday, June 26
FORT GEORGE IN THE GREAT WAR: A WWI COMMEMORATION
Parks Canada & re-enactors from across North America will bring Fort George National Historic Site's role as Camp Niagara to life with displays, demonstrations Honouring those who fought in the "war to end all wars".
Info: 905-468-6614
www.friendsoffortgeorge.ca
For re-enactor registration, visit:
friendsoffortgeorge.ca/events/ww1-registration.html

Friday, July 1
CANADA DAY at FORT GEORGE
Free Admission all day
Celebrations in Simcoe Park during the day, including free cake, decorated by Willow Cakes and Pastries, escorted by the 41st Regiment Fife & Drum Corp. down Queen St. to Simcoe Park, then a BBQ dinner at Fort George in the evening with Fireworks, music, food, cannon firing.
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Friday, July 1
ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION
Canada Day community celebration
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July 1 to July 3
ARTISTRY BY THE LAKE
A juried show of artists in Queens Royal Park, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. 9
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Saturday, July 2

Annual CHERRY FESTIVAL
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9 a.m.-3 p.m.
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Saturday, July 9
25th Annual NOTL Horticultural Society GARDEN TOUR
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www.niagaraonthelake.com

Saturday, July 9 ~ 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
3rd Annual CELTIC FESTIVAL at FORT GEORGE
Fort George in partnership with the Niagara Regional Police Pipe & Drum band, will host hundreds of musicians. Celtic Dancing, A Cheer Tent, kids "Heavy" event zone, Individual Band performances & the "Mass Band"
www.friendsoffortgeorge.ca
www.pc.gc.ca/fortgeorge

Saturday, July 9
HILLEBRAND'S VINEYARD JAZZ
Bring chair or blanket. No pets. 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tickets in Advance. 1-800-582-8412
www.hillebrand.com

Saturday, July 9 & Sunday, July 10
LAVENDER FESTIVAL
5th Annual Niagara Essential Oils & Blends Taste of Niagara at NEOB.
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July 11 – 15 and also August 15 – 19
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Friday, July 22
PASSION
A wine, food and cultural arts event, features quality hors d'oeuvres, silent auction, blind tasting and wine glass seminar, hot air balloon, jazz and strolling gypsy minstrel.
www.niagarapassion.com

Sunday, July 27
CORVETTE, CLASSIC AND HOT ROD CAR SHOW
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events@reifwinery.com

Wednesday, July 27 to Saturday, July 30
ST. DAVIDS LIONS CARNIVAL
Rides, food, games. Wed., Thurs. & Fri. 5:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. Sat. 12 noon to 11 p.m. St. Davids Lions Grounds, 1462 York Rd. St. Davids. http://www.stdavidslions.ca/consolidation/

July 29 – July 31
NIAGARA JAZZ FESTIVAL
The Niagara Jazz Festival is a new, cutting edge 4-day indoor & outdoor celebration of all types of jazz in the heart of Niagara's stunning wine country. For locations and info visit: www.niagarajazzfestival.com

Saturday, July 30 & Sunday, July 31
11th Annual ART BY THE LIGHTHOUSE PUMPHOUSE ART SHOW & SALE
A weekend of original artwork by local & renown artists. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. – 247 Ricardo St. 905-468-5455
www.niagarapumphouse.ca

Monday, August 1
THE PAST IS PRESENT: A Heritage Festival
Artisans, gourmet food, demonstrations & more! Free admission 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
www.niagarahistorical.museum,

Monday, August 1
A WONDERLAND VILLAGE FAIRE
The Shaw Festival Theatre, 10 Queen's Park. Free Admission. 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.
www.shawfestival.com

Thursday, August 4
SENSE & SENSIBILITY: A BARTON COTTAGE SOCIAL
Join the Friends of Fort George for a Regency evening celebrating Jane Austen's novel Sense and Sensibility! Navy Hall 7 p.m.-9 p.m. Book discussion, tea & treats, trivia, music, games & more! $20/person, space is limited. Call 905-468-6621
admin@friendsoffortgeorge.ca

Saturday, August 13
HILLEBRAND VINEYARD BLUES
Bring chair or blanket. No pets. 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., gates open 2 p.m.
Advance tickets, 1-800-582-8412
www.hillebrand.com

Saturday, August 13 & Sunday, August 14
FIFE & DRUM MUSTER & SOLDIERS' FIELD DAY at FORT GEORGE
Celebrate the 200th Anniversary at Fort George and the 41st Regiment Fife and Drum corps 25th. Military music & drill competitions of the early 19th century. Muskets, cannon firing and a special Sunset tattoo on Saturday evening. 905-468-6614
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Saturday, August 13
PEACH CELEBRATION
Celebrate peach harvest on Queen Street, with entertainment, peach desserts and drinks.
905-468-1950

Sunday, August 14
PEACH FESTIVAL
Enjoy a variety of peach foods and a day of activities at St. Vincent de Paul Church grounds.
12 p.m. to 5 p.m. 905-468-7272

Sunday, August 14
KINSMEN CAR SHOW
At Scout Hall, 430 King St. Older models, newer models, military, vintage and classic motorcycles. 905-934-0441

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Saturday, August 27 & Sunday, August 28
ECHOES OF NIAGARA'S PAST
Commemorates the military history of Niagara, showcasing military units & technologies from the American Revolution to modern times. 905-468-6614
www.friendsoffortgeorge.ca

Saturday, September 10
NIAGARA POLO
"The Sport of Kings" on the Commons! Enjoy a polo match, entertainment, vendor food, drink and much more! $15/ticket
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Saturday, September 10 to Sunday, September 25
65th Annual NIAGARA WINE FESTIVAL
Wine tasting, tours, seminars, concerts, Niagara cuisine, one of Canada's largest parades. 905-688-0212
www.niagarawinefestival.com

September 23, 24, 30 & October 1
A WALK THROUGH HISTORY: Theatrical Cemetery Tours
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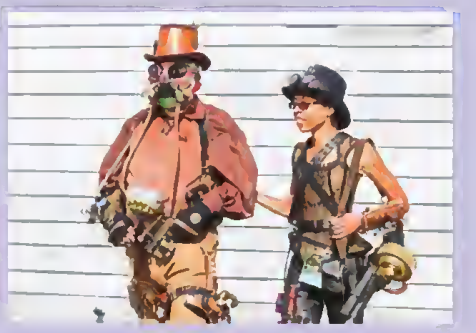

September 23 – 25
3rd Annual GRAND CANADIAN STEAMPUNK EXPOSITION
A 3 day exposition of Canadian Steampunk grandeur. A festival of sites and sounds to entertain and delight. An evening concert (TBA).
For more info: 905-525-6303
www.canadiansteampunk.com

Saturday, October 8 – Sunday, October 9
THE BATTLE OF QUEENSTON HEIGHTS
Commemorative Tours: 11 am, 1 pm & 3 pm
Join the Friends of Fort George & Parks Canada as we commemorate the 204th Anniversary of the Battle of Queenston Heights and the death of Major General Sir Isaac Brock. Historical demonstrations all day. Climb the 235 steps to the top of Brock's Monument between 10 a.m. & 5 p.m. 905-468-6621.
www.1812niagaraonthelake.ca
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www.pc.gc.ca/fortgeorge

November ~ 10 a.m. - 11 p.m.
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www.niagaraonthelake.com

Wednesday, November 11 ~ 7 pm
WE'LL MEET AGAIN
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Saturday, November 19
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Rotary House Tour - Dec 2 & 3

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Friday, December 2 & Saturday, December 3
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Saturday, December 10
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December 10 & 11 ~ Noon - 4pm
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January 1, 2017 ~ 3 pm – 4:30 pm
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Friday, January 13 – Sunday January 29, 2017
Three Weekends only
22nd Annual ICEWINE FESTIVAL
Pay tribute to the ice wine harvest.
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Weekends in February 2017~ 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
DAYS OF WINE AND CHOCOLATE
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Monday, May 1, 2017
MAYFAIR at FORT GEORGE
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May 20 to May 22, 2017
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Sunday, May 21, 2017
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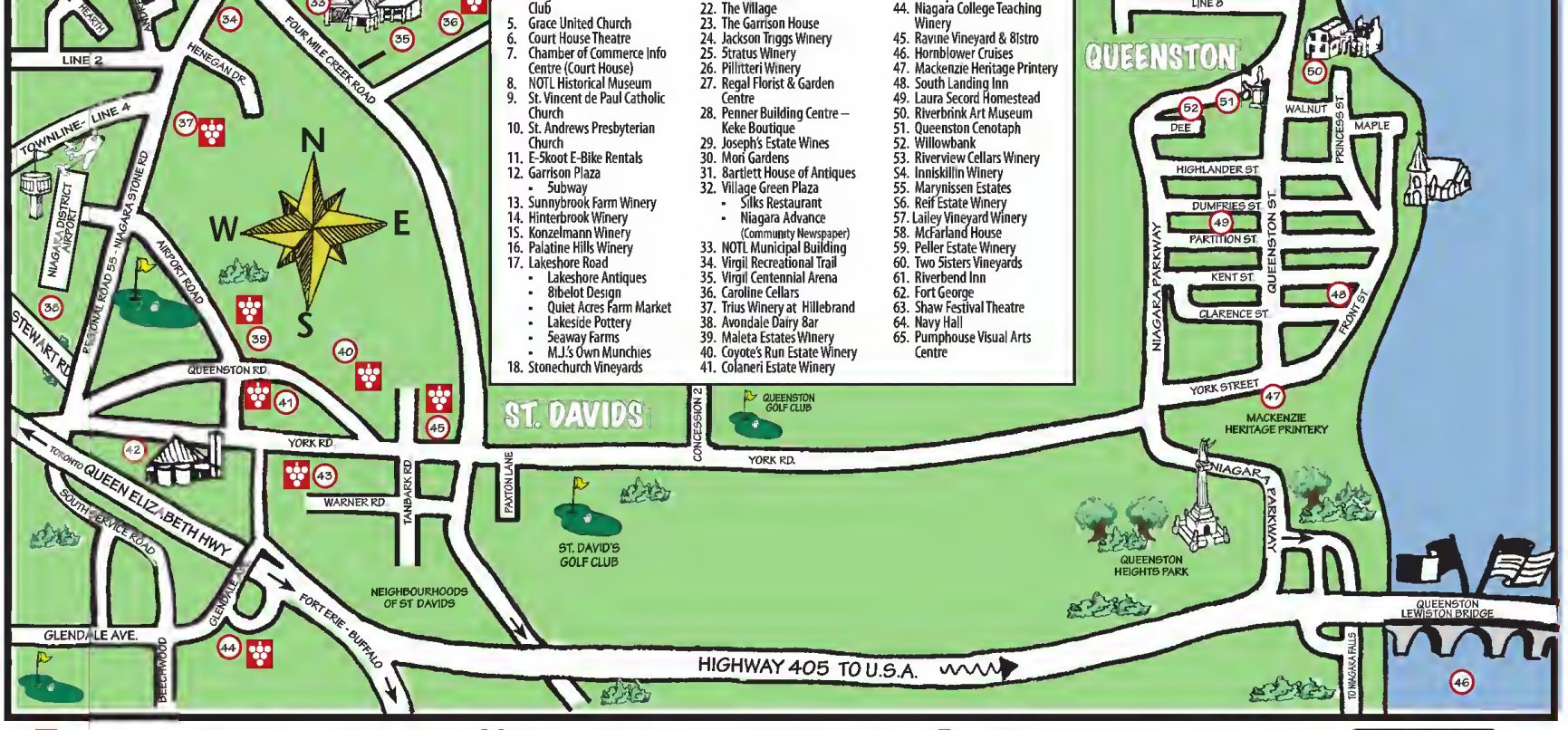

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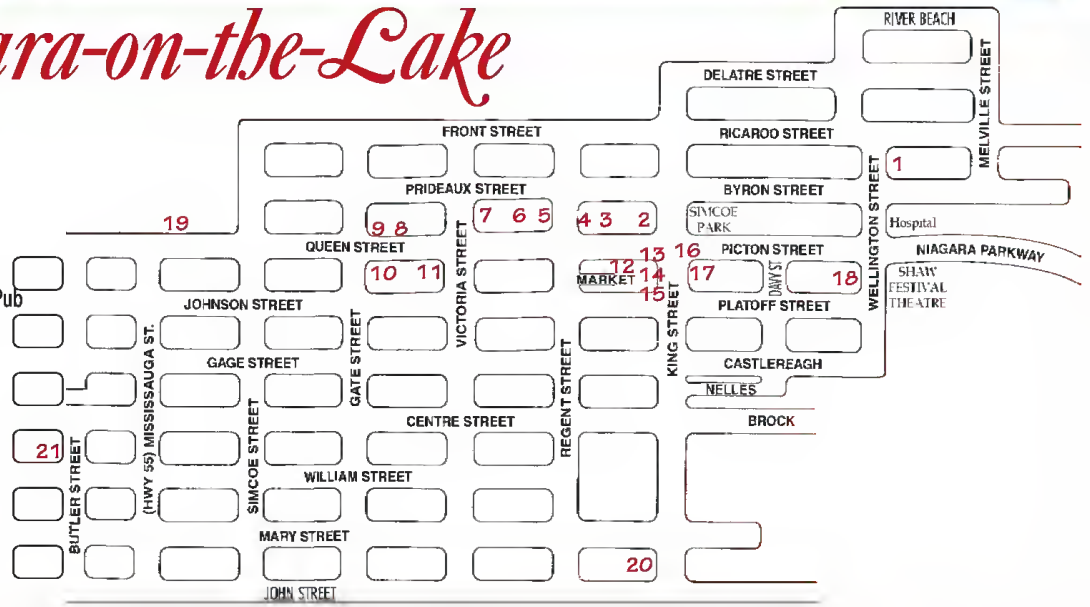

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www.niagaraparks.com
905-371-0254 or 1-877-642-7275.

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905-371-0254 or 1-877-642-7275.

McFarland House

MCFARLAND HOUSE

Restored by The Niagara Parks Commission in 1959, McFarland House portrays life in Niagara on the eve of the War of 1812. Guided tours of the home are available from May until Halloween, and a lovely conservatory Tea Room serves Afternoon Tea, light lunches, local wines, and over 30 types of premium loose leaf teas. Reservations are recommended.
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Niagara Historical Society Museum

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Niagara Pumphouse

NIAGARA PUMPHOUSE

The Niagara Pumphouse Visual Art Centre, 247 Ricardo Street, is a community-run facility housed in a former water treatment plant, offering exhibits of local artists, workshops, seminars and lessons. www.niagarapumphouse.ca

NIAGARA POLO

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12:00 pm - 5:00 pm | Gates open at 11:00 am

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Campbell Scott, Untitled (detail), coloured etching, c. 1970. Photo courtesy Linda Kemp

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Mrs Warren's Profession is on stage at the Royal George Theatre until October 16.

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The 2016 season of the Shaw Festival, a theatre company inspired by the work of Bernard Shaw, is also the final season for artistic director Jackie Maxwell.

That means she has had to squeeze in the plays that were important to her, with a resulting playbill of 10 productions that are rich in diversity.

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Also on the Festival stage is Oscar Wild's *A Woman of No Importance*, in which matters of marriage, affairs, and divorce are thoroughly discussed, resulting in a witty social commentary.

The final production on the Festival stage is Sweeney Todd, *The Demon Barber of Fleet Street.*

This music thriller, directed by Jackie Maxwell - she says in the playbill she's given it to herself to direct as her ultimate goodbye present - is described as "darkly comic and brilliantly unsettling," and as one of Stephen Sondheim's most celebrated musicals.

Mrs. Warren's Profession, by George Bernard Shaw, returns for the 2016 season, this time in the intimate setting of the Royal George Theatre. It will offer a fresh and contemporary look at a classic play about the work's oldest profession, as seen through the eyes of mother and daughter.

Also at the Royal George this season is another classic - *Our Town*, by Thornton Wilder. It's a story about life in a small town, a touching romance, and a reminder - which we all need occasionally - to live each moment.

Engaged is a comedy by W.S. Gilbert - one half of Gilbert and Sullivan - and a look at love, marriage and money, rounding out the playbill for the Royal George.

The Court House Theatre, on Queen Street across from the Clock Tower, offers a 327-seat auditorium in an historic building of the 1840s.

At the Court House this season, Maxwell will direct *Uncle Vanya*. It's coming full circle for her in her time at the Shaw, she says, since she directed one of Anton Chekhov's plays in

her first year with the festival.

She describes it a timeless story of a struggling dysfunctional family that will move the audience from laughter to tears more than once.

"Master Harold"... and the Boys, by Athol Fugard, is a modern classic that will be presented at the Court House, exposing the horrors of apartheid in South Africa. Maxwell calls it one of Fugard's seminal pieces of political theatre, and one of his most affecting stories.

The lunchtime one-act series is back at the Court House, with The Adventures of the Black Girl in her Search for God. It's a "comic and irreverent adaptation" for the stage by Lisa Codrington, from the short story by Bernard Shaw, about a young African girl and the dilemmas she faces as she sets out to find God.

The Shaw's Studio Theatre, located beside the Festival Theatre, continues to be home to contemporary programming, and this season presents a new version by Conor McPherson of August Strindberg's The Dance of Death. Directed by Martha Henry, the "darkly comic" play examines an army captain, his wife, their marriage and their deadly games.

For more information about Shaw Festival plays, times and tickets, call 1-800-511-7429, or visit shawfest.com.

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Our Town is on stage a the Royal George Theatre until October 15.

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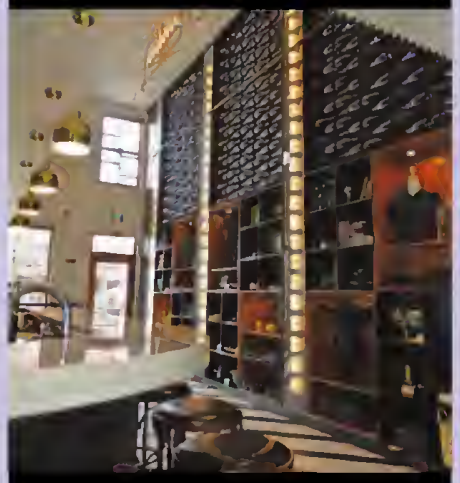

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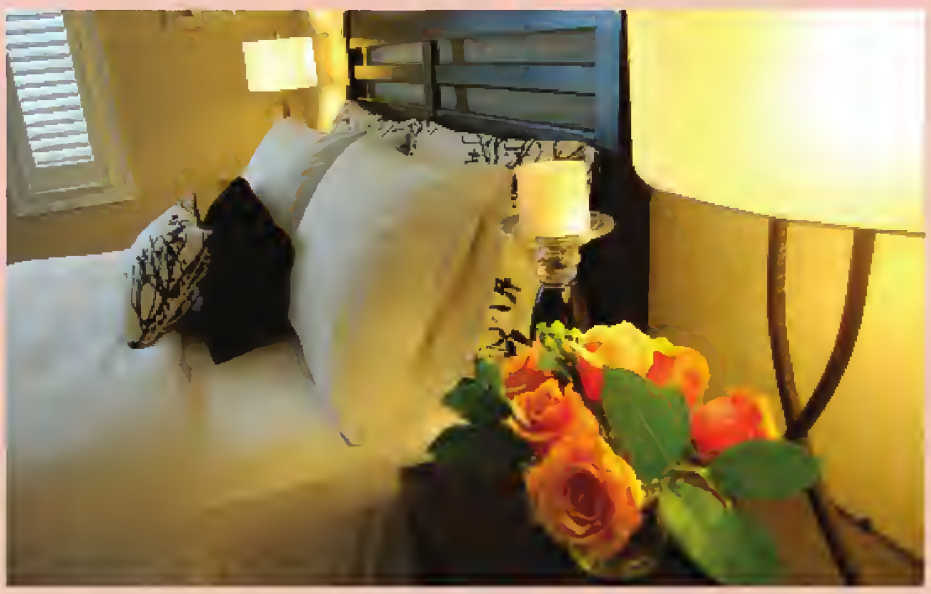

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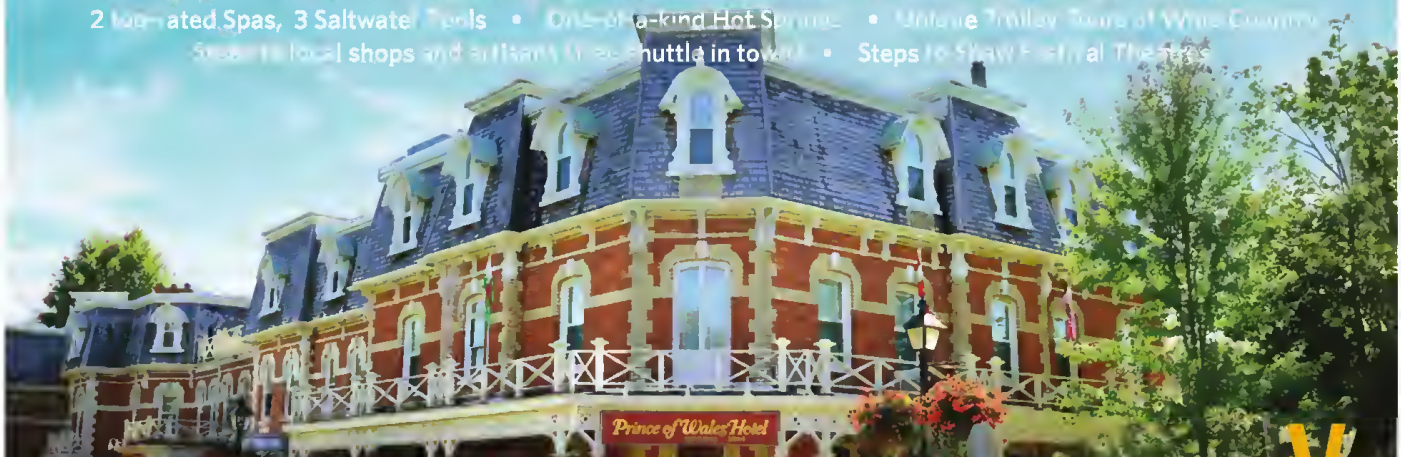

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